

Human Dimensions and Civic Engagement in the Natural Resources Classroom



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Human Dimensions

The study of that interface where humans and natural resources meet.

Civic Engagement

"Civic engagement means working to make a difference in the civic life of our communities and developing the combination of knowledge, skills, values and motivation to make that difference."

American Democracy Project

- Initiative of AASCU campuses that seeks to create an intellectual and experiential understanding of civic engagement for undergraduates enrolled at institutions that are members of AASCU.
- The goal of the project is to produce graduates who understand and are committed to engaging in meaningful actions as citizens in a democracy.
- The Stewardship of Public Lands

Implementation

- Introduction to Outdoor Recreation and Human Dimensions
- Human Dimensions of Natural Resources
- Why issues in the classroom?
- Why Yellowstone?

People Skill Set

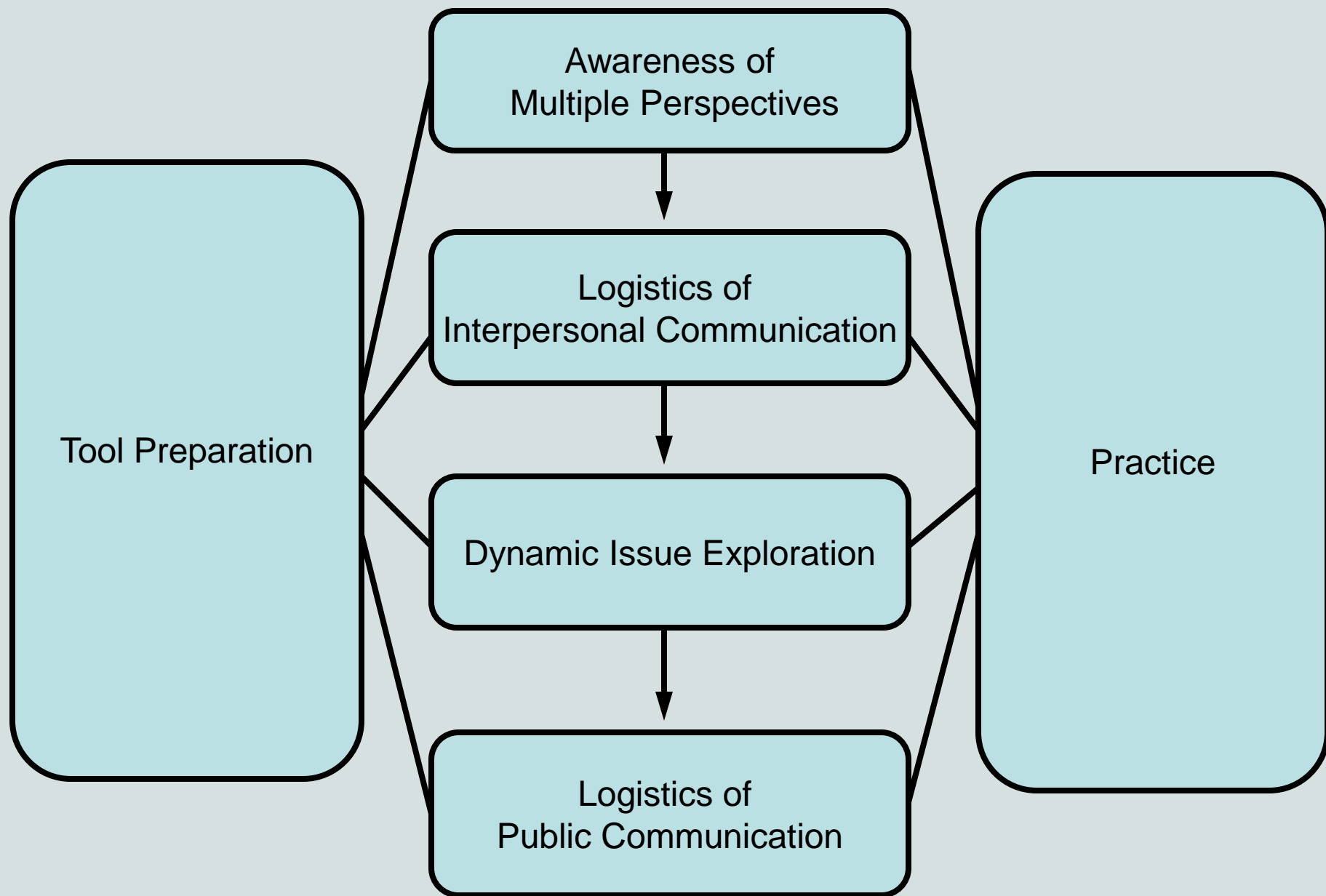
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- Group Dynamics
 - Collaborative Project Building
 - Effective Meetings
 - Written and Oral Communications
 - Agency/Entity Representation
 - Public Impression
 - Job Expectations

Public Skill Set

- Public Disclosure – Policy
- Public Meetings – Planning
- Public Meetings – Self-preparation
- Public Meetings – Management
- Audience Analysis
- Discourse Communities
- Media Management
- Effectiveness Measurement

Issue Skill Set

- Identification of Issues
- Exploration of Multiple Perspectives
- Research on Science-based Support
- Education on Agency History
- Education on Community and Regional History
- Exploration of Alternative Solutions



Tool Preparation

- Self-preparation
- Clear instructions
- Clear evaluations
- Support materials

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American Democracy Project Stewardship of Public Lands







An American Democracy Project initiative. For more information go to: <http://www.aascu.org/programs/adp/stewardship.htm>

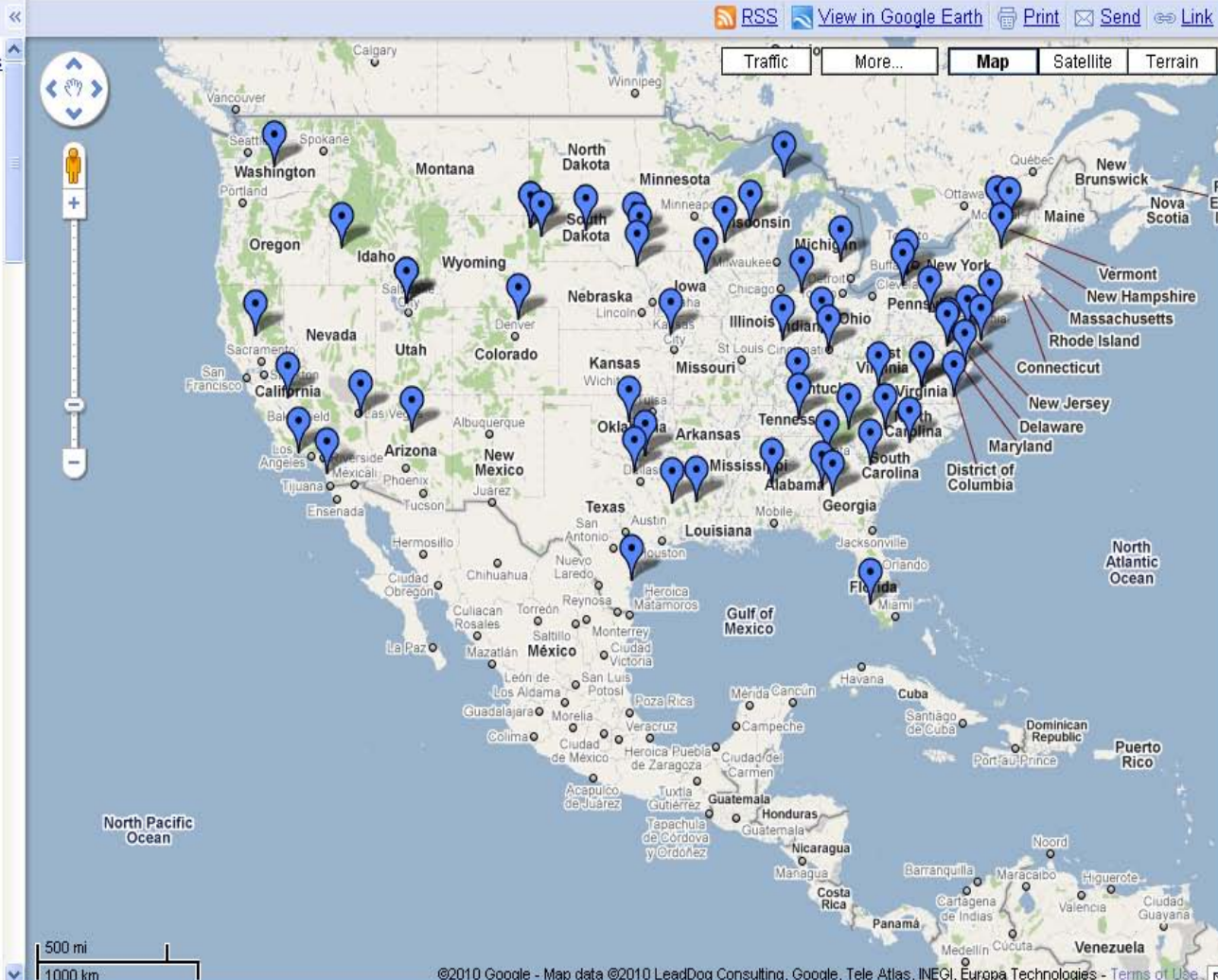
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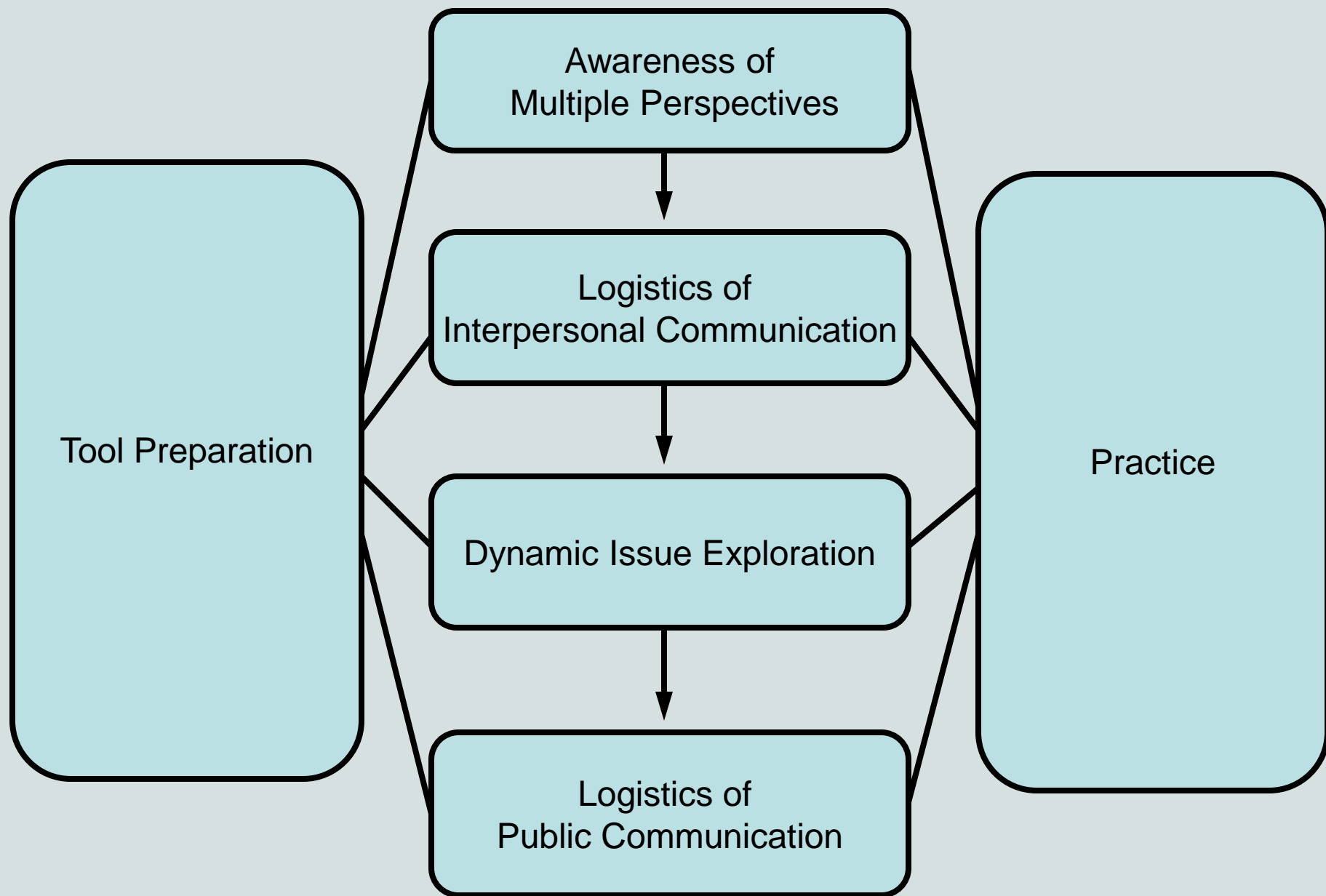
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 Syllabus	 Dawn of Conservation	 Definitions	 PowerPoints
 Course Schedule Spring 2010	 Recreation Planning/Monitoring	 Yellowstone Materials	 State Park Materials
 Types of Hunting Leases	 Reading Outlines	 Yellowstone Workshop Presentations	 Yellowstone Online Videos
 Cool Links	 Elluminate	 Forms	 Yellowstone Assignment Instructions Fall 09
 Project Analysis - Self and Group Review YELLOW sheet from class to evaluate your performance and your group performance for the	 Text Readings	 A Foresters' Communication Handbook	

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Practice

- Issue Choice
- Agency or Public Division
- Collaboration
- Research
- Debate and Review
- Media Trial and Review
- Issue Presentation
- Evaluation of the Process
- Reflection and Transference

Student Responses